

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Let me also express my grave concern at the actions of the FCC at promoting this sort of consolidation this past summer. Thank God for all of the activists that helped to get you guys to rethink your actions. I am deeply disappointed at the FCC performance in recent years and resent that you guys are supported and paid for with my tax dollars. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.